GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3733
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2000
BRAIN DRAIN
CHANDRAKANT BHAURAO KHAIRE

Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have assessted the impact of large scale computer professionals going to foreign countries on Indian economy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the infrastructure being provided by the Government to these professionals to check the brain drain?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a) and (b): Most Indian software professionals go to the USAon HIB visas. During the last few years, around fifty to sixty thousand Indian IT/computerprofessionals have been going to the USAevery year. Such persons are sponsored by Indian/foreign companies to do on site work for their customers. The percentage of IT professionals who are able to get green cards and settle in the USA are relatively small. As a result, there is a major flow of foreign exchange into the country.

(c): Does not arise.